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All 'Hope' lost?

Social service. For the past three winters, Project HOME set up shop in Suburban Station concourse offering food, clothing and comfort to the city's homeless. Now, they too are looking for a home. PAGE 02

Project Home case manager Carmena Green walks toward the subway. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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'Hope' denied as social service station closes

Suburban Station. The "Hub of Hope" concourse social service station for the homeless won't return this winter.

Some of the city's homeless received an unwelcome surprise when they found a social service center in Suburban Station concourse isn't coming back.

"How would you feel if you got up at 5 [a.m.], came down to the Hub and saw this?" asked Carmena Green, a homeless outreach worker with Project HOME, outside the vacant storefront formerly occupied by the "Hub of Hope."

The Hub offered the homeless access to housing placement assistance, physicians, psychiatrists and case managers, all inside a former beauty parlor just below 15th and JFK Boulevard. There were also new socks and cups of coffee.

"Folks on the street keep asking me, 'What time you opening up?'" Green said.

The Hub was created in response to a report from the Pennsylvania Mental Health Corporation investigating new ways to provide services to the homeless who come to the concourse for warmth. It's been open from January to March for the past three winters.

"The whole purpose is to be where people congregate," said Karen Orrick, the Hub's project coordinator. "It's about knowing there's a place where you can go when you're ready to make a change that's near where you sleep."

Visit **Metro.us** to read more about the plight of Philly's homeless.

Quoted

"I really believe in my heart that the homeless appreciated it. ... It was special. It was something to look forward to."

Green

In the winter of 2014, more than 1,000 individuals came to the Hub for services, she said.

Two months ago, Orrick learned the Hub could not use the same location this year.

She is currently seeking an alternative location.

Bill, who says he's been homeless for 25 years, says of the Hub: "I used to refer people there. They would hook people up."

"I feel that it's needed. They should bring it back," said Dewey Flynn, 59, who is homeless.

"They had placement information and coffee. Every time I'd go by there they have a line out the door."

Representatives of 2 Penn Center, which includes the Suburban Station concourse, did not respond to requests for comment on why the Hub was closed.

"They need a place to go where they're not in danger for their lives," said commuter Jessica Yanoff, who supports having the Hub. "Lives matter, every one of them."

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Commuters walk past a homeless man near the Suburban Station concourse (left). Project HOME's Carmena Green, right, and Karen Orrick at the former site of the Hub of Hope. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Flu. Experts say disease hitting earlier, harder this year

The flu is nothing to sneeze at.
CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's most recent numbers, 43 states are seeing high or widespread outbreaks of an influenza epidemic, including Pennsylvania.

"It is peaking," said Neil Fishman, associate chief medical officer of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. "We're seeing more cases than last year, seeing them earlier, and the current epidemic is equivalent to what we saw two years ago."

As of Dec. 6, 1,180 positive flu cases have been reported in Pennsylvania, according to the Philadelphia Department of Health. Four deaths have been reported this flu season, all outside of Philadelphia and in patients over the age of 65.

Fishman said that although this year's vaccine is only about 60 percent effective, it still provides "protection and decreases the severity of the illness."

Fishman said the best ways for preventing the flu are frequent hand washing, and people who are already sick staying home until their fever passes. It's not too late to get vaccinated, Fishman said, and people over 65, children, pregnant women and those with preexisting health conditions should get the vaccine.

Information on flu vaccination clinics for those without health insurance is available at www.phila.gov/health/DiseaseControl/shotschedule.html.

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Phillies 5K registration

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Philadelphia

Free Library's leader honored

Siobhan Reardon, president and director of the Free Library of Philadelphia, was named "Librarian of the Year" Tuesday by Library Journal magazine, the library announced. METRO

Live! Casino in S. Philly may kill Harrah's Chester casino

Crapping out. A new casino in South Philadelphia may kill a rival that's keeping Chester alive.

Rendering of the planned Live! casino / COURTESY

The decision by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to award Philadelphia's second casino license to the Live! Casino & Hotel may put Harrah's Philadelphia casino in Dover County out of business, and slash tax revenues for its beleaguered host city, Chester.

At $425 million, Live! Casino was the least expensive gambling option proposed to the Board, and the only proposal that didn't require a zoning change, so opponents couldn't block construction permits. Most important, Live! Casino was the lone applicant that wasn't also a loan applicant.

Consequences

If Harrah's goes bust, Chester is looking at a bad hand, courtesy of the PGCB.

Live! enters an arena where competing casinos are mired in debt. Caesars Entertainment — Harrah's parent company — has $22.8 billion in debt. Its losses for the 2014 third quarter topped $908 million, driven by a 26 percent increase in interest payments, bringing the year-to-date shortfall to more than $1.76 billion.

In Chester, Harrah's casino's revenues per slot machine and table game are both below the state average. Operating profits for the first half of 2014 were down 32 percent.

Fitch Ratings says Harrah's will lose another 10 percent of its revenues when rival SugarHouse opens a $164 million expansion in Fishtown next year. If Live! opens, Harrah's will lose an additional 15 to 30 percent in revenues, according to estimates cited in a 174-page report by the Gaming Control Board. Harrah's revenue will drop between $55 million and $87 million.

The big loser may be Chester, where 26 percent of the city's 2012 budget was financed by revenue taxes and fees from Harrah's.

Harrah's is the "most significant economic development project since Chester's peak manufacturing days," according to a city report.

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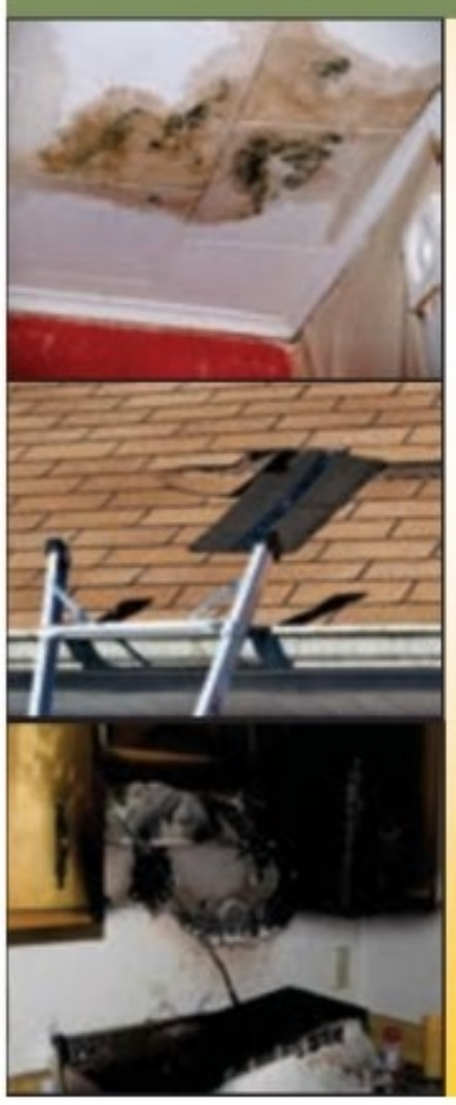
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Syria

Dozens of Islamist fighters killed in Kobani

Forty-one Islamic State militants were killed in the Syrian border town of Kobani on Tuesday as U.S.-led air strikes helped local forces push the group to the city's edges, a monitoring group said.

The predominantly Kurdish town, known as Ayn al-Arab in Arabic, close to the Turkish border, has become a symbol in the international fight against the hard-line Islamist group that broke away from al Qaeda.

The U.S. military said it or its coalition partners had conducted 10 air strikes against Islamic State in Syria, mostly on Kobani, since Monday.

Seven Kurdish fighters and two civilians were killed in the fighting, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. REUTERS

Israel

Hamas man sentenced to life for killing three teens

An Israeli military court on Tuesday sentenced a Palestinian to life imprisonment over the killing of three Israeli youths, whose abduction in the occupied West Bank set off a chain of events leading to the 50-day Gaza war last summer.

The court found that Hussam Kawasmeh, a member of the militant Hamas Islamist group, planned the abduction in which Eyal Yifrach, 19, and Gilad Shaer and Naftali Fraenkel, both 16, were shot dead while hitchhiking in the occupied West Bank. REUTERS

THREE ISRAELI TEENS THAT WERE KILLED / GETTY IMAGES

More objects found, but no sign of the black box

AirAsia jet. High waves and strong currents prevented divers from going deep into the Sea.

Indonesia Sea and Coast Guard display recovered seats from the AirAsia flight QZ8501 crash from the Royal Malaysian Navy KD Kasturi at Port of Kumai in Pangkalan Bun, Indonesia. / GETTY IMAGES

Search teams scouring the ocean for the wreckage of an AirAsia jet found two new metal objects on Tuesday, but nine days after the plane crashed officials say there is still no sign of the crucial black box flight recorders.

Indonesian officials believe they may have located the tail and parts of the fuselage of the Airbus A320-200 30 meters below the surface, but have been unable to properly investigate the debris so far.

Flight QZ8501 plunged into the water off Borneo island on Dec. 28, about 40 minutes into a two-hour flight from Indonesia's second-biggest city of Surabaya to Singapore. There were no survivors among the 162 people on board.

Jakarta has crackdown on its fast-growing aviation sector since the crash, reassigning some officials and tightening rules on pre-flight procedures in a country with a patchy reputation for air safety.

"Divers were ready on the ship but the challenges were currents and waves," the head of Indonesia's search and rescue agency, Fransiskus Bambang Soelistyo, told a news conference in Jakarta on Tuesday evening.

He said a U.S. Navy ship located two more metal objects using sonar signals, though it is not known yet if they are part of the missing plane. Those would add to the five large objects, believed to have been part of the plane, detected so far. REUTERS

Bodies recovered

39

Two more bodies were also recovered from the sea, bringing the total found so far to 39.

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Turkey. Female suicide bomber hits police station in Istanbul

Police officers take security measures at the scene where a woman reportedly blew herself up at a patrol in Istanbul's main tourist area Sultanahmet. / GETTY IMAGES

A female suicide bomber blew herself up at a police station in Istanbul's historic Sultanahmet district on Tuesday, killing one officer and wounding another.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility; but the bombing comes less than a week after far-left group DHKP-C said it was behind a grenade attack on police near the prime minister's office in Istanbul.

Turkey also faces possible threat from Islamist militants moving across the border from Syria and Iraq and, despite a truce in a 30-year-old insurrection, from Kurdish rebels.

Police sealed off the street where Tuesday's attack happened, across the square from the Aya Sofya museum and the Blue Mosque and near the Basilica Cistern, which are among the main sites for millions of visitors to Istanbul each year.

Windows were shattered and shutters hung unhinged from the yellow, three-story tourist police station.

The woman entered the police station saying in English that she had lost her purse and then blew herself up, Istanbul Governor Vasip Sahin told reporters at the scene. Her nationality and identity were unknown.

Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said one of the officers had died. It was not immediately clear whether the bomber had links to any particular group.

The DHKP-C (Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front) had warned of further strikes after last Thursday's attack, in which a man carrying an automatic weapon was detained near the Ottoman-era Dolmabahce Palace.

The group was also behind a suicide bombing at the U.S. Embassy last year and numerous attacks on police stations. Most were in outlying Istanbul suburbs, apparent vendettas against particular police officers.

It said Thursday's attack was over the killing of a 15-year-old boy who died last March after nine months in a coma from a head wound sustained during an anti-government protest. It blamed President Tayyip Erdogan for the death. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"We were shaken by a very loud blast. There were customers and everyone dropped to the floor. ... A police officer came out of the station and fired into the air saying, 'Disperse, there is a suicide bomber, go inside.' Then we heard gunfire but we weren't sure who was shooting."

Kaan Koc, who works just across from the station, told broadcaster CNN Turk

Texas

Doctor killed in Army medical center shooting in El Paso: Media

A gunman shot and killed a doctor at an Army medical center in El Paso, Texas, and then apparently took his own life on Tuesday, the El Paso Times reported.

The paper said the information was based on a preliminary investigation provided by officials.

Officials at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in west Texas were not immediately available to comment but said they would soon hold a news conference.

The shooting was at a VA clinic next to the medical center, the paper said. Video from the scene showed numerous police and emergency vehicles.

William Beaumont Army Medical Center / FACEBOOK

CBS Evening News, in a tweet, quoted a Pentagon official as saying the situation was now under control.

El Paso police were also assisting in the incident at the medical facility, local media said. **REUTERS**

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Virginia. Former governor sentenced to two years in prison

Bob McDonnell was once seen as a rising Republican star who might go all the way to the White House. Now, the 60-year-old, former Virginia governor has received a sentence to two years in the big house.

McDonnell's sentencing Tuesday came as a result of a jury convicting him on 11 corruption charges in September after he and his wife accepted loans and lavish gifts from the executive of a nutritional supplement company. He was ordered to surrender on Feb. 9 and has indicated he plans to appeal.

He is the first Virginia governor to be convicted of a crime.

The sentencing caps a political drama punctuated by the public unraveling of the McDonnells' marriage and a letter-writing campaign for leniency from more than 400 people, including Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine, a former Virginia governor himself, as well as the McDonnells' daughters.

Former Virginia Governor Robert McDonnell / GETTY IMAGES

Prosecutors had sought at least a decade in prison. McDonnell's lawyers sought community service. Wife Maureen McDonnell, also found guilty of corruption, is facing a Feb. 20 sentencing. BLOOMBERG

Boehner wins a third term as House Speaker

Larger majority. Boehner has a more muscular House majority of 246 Republicans, with 188 Democrats.

John Boehner won a third term as speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, overcoming a challenge within his party as a new Republican-controlled Congress convened Tuesday in Washington.

Boehner was re-elected speaker while fellow Republican Mitch McConnell took the gavel as Senate majority leader, marking the first time in eight years that the GOP has control of both chambers of Congress. Republicans say they will confront President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats on a number of issues starting with votes to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada.

Vote

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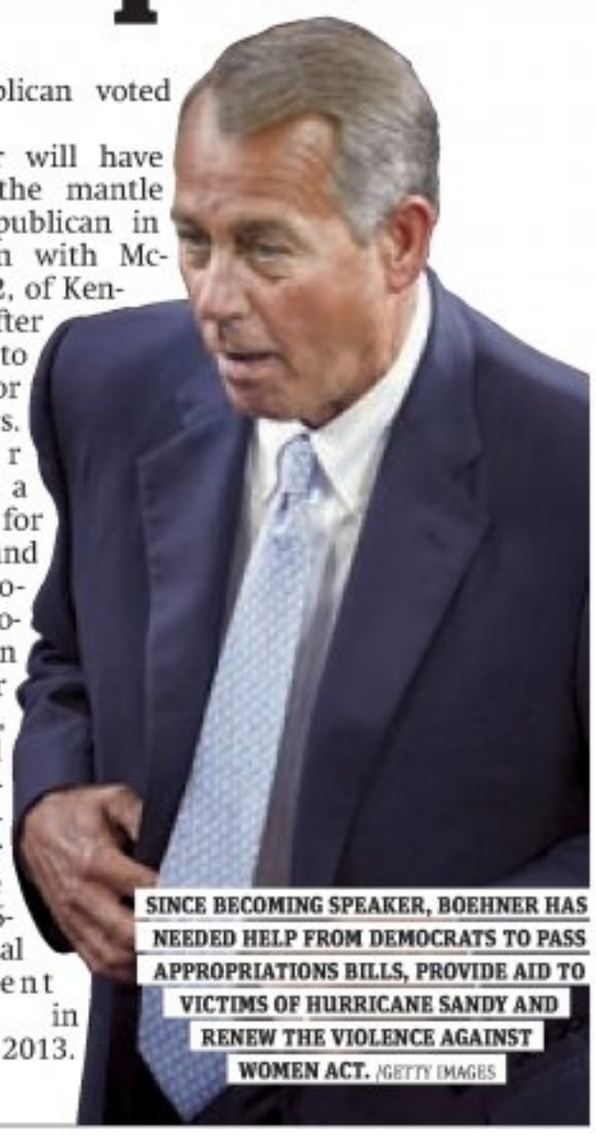
Boehner of Ohio, the 53rd U.S. House speaker, was elected 216-164 over Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California with 408 of 434 members voting. About two dozen Republicans voted for lawmakers other than Boehner, as some contend he is too quick to compromise with Obama and other Democrats.

Boehner's 216 votes accounted for less than half of the House membership though a majority of those present, because a number of members were absent. Twenty-four Republicans voted against Boehner, more than double the number who opposed him in 2013, and one Republican voted present.

Boehner will have to share the mantle of top Republican in Washington with McConnell, 72, of Kentucky, after having it to himself for four years. Boehner has been a chief foil for Obama and congressional Democrats in battles over the budget, debt and spending. A dispute over Obamacare led to a 16-day partial government shutdown in October 2013. BLOOMBERG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Twitter feed

Today, Mindy Kaling isn't afraid to try hard, Roseanne Barr is hung up on the Cosby situation, Patton Oswalt is not enjoying social media, Sarah Silverman is distracted and Billy Eichner is heartbroken.

@mindykaling: Effortless is overrated. 2015 is about being effortful. Way sexier

@therealroseanne: Why doesn't Bill #Cosby say he's innocent of charges? His wife considers him 2B th victim of a media lynching led by women of ill repute.

@pattonoswalt: (Everyone on) Twitter is broken.

@SarahKSilverman: There are a LOT of wigs on Celebrity Apprentice

@billyeichner: @Cameron-Diaz it should've been me

1

Blake Lively became a mom last year, guys

Blake Lively certainly knows how to keep things under wraps. The former "Gossip Girl" star and husband Ryan Reynolds reportedly welcomed their first child in December, just before the new year, but managed to keep mum about it until now. The baby girl, who is reportedly named Violet, arrived prematurely, but both Lively and the newborn are "healthy and doing well" now, sources tell Page Six.

And if previous reports are any indication, we know just how the new parents will be celebrating: "She's saying she wants to get pregnant really soon after she pops this baby out," a source told E! News back in October. So maybe let's give them some privacy this week?

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Daily video

Teens react to "Mario Kart 64"

YOUTUBE, REACT

Want to feel old? There's nothing better for that than the teens on the React channel, regularly faced with items from before their time. Or sometimes not. This week, the teens are presented with the old "Mario Kart 64" for Nintendo's N64 gaming system, originally released in 1996 and the second release in the Mario Kart series. Maybe it's because teens and video games are a natural fit, or maybe it's because Nintendo has successfully launched a Mario Kart game for nearly every one of its platforms, but the teens are actually totally into it, even if they're not as good at the game as they expected they'd be. Kids these days!

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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Russell Crowe has some words for older actresses

Russell Crowe sat down with Australia's Women's Weekly — why, I'm not sure — and used the opportunity to take a certain generation of actresses to task for not acting their age. "I think you'll find that the woman who is saying that [the good roles for women have dried up is] the woman who at 40, 45, 48, still wants to play the ingenue, and can't understand why she's not being cast as the 21-year-old," he says. "If you are willing to live in your own skin, you can work as an actor."

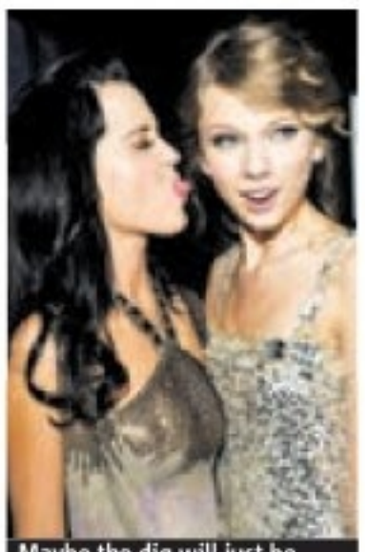
Crowe insists he's given the same tough love to himself, saying, "You do have to be prepared to accept that there are stages in life. So I can't be the "Gladiator" forever."

Crowe stands with "The Water Diviner" co-star Olga Kurylenko, who doesn't have to worry about good roles drying up. Yet.

3

Katy Perry may liven up the Super Bowl with Taylor Swift dig

This might actually get me interested in the Super Bowl. Katy Perry is reportedly planning to work a reference to her ongoing feud with Taylor Swift into her halftime performance next month, according to Hollywood Life. "She wants to make a statement with her performance and show that she is the biggest female act in the world, and she wants to show that to everyone, including Taylor, who she has a feud with," a source says.



Maybe the dig will just be something like this.

"Katy will be doing something onstage during her performance that will be directed toward Taylor. She is working on it to be a visual or a lyric-related jab." Oh man, the possibilities! Will Perry make out with and dump Harry Styles onstage? Burn a photo of adorable kitty Olivia Benson in effigy? Or maybe pretend to be a country artist for the first few songs in her medley, then completely abandon the genre? We'll have to wait and see.

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Tracey takes on the current state of showbiz

Tracey Ullman plays Daniel Huttlestone's mother in "Into the Woods." For more with Ullman, head to metro.us. / PETER MOUNTAIN

Interview. Comedy pioneer Tracey Ullman says she'll be back in the TV game soon — once she figures out what she's allowed to make fun of.

British actress Tracey Ullman has more than earned her place in television history after many successful shows — plus hosting the show that launched a little program called "The Simpsons." It all leads to her having pretty strong feelings about the industry.

Do you think the U.S. has been co-opting a lot from the British TV world?
Well, there's always been changing formats for many, many years. I mean, "Sanford and Son" was a British show, you know. "All in the Family" was a British show. People took the formats from England and made shows here, so there's always been a cross-cultural exchange.

What about very American things?
We, in England, would kill to develop something as great as "Friends." I love "Friends." It's a lovely comfort food to me. It's brilliant. My kids watch an episode every night before they go to sleep, and my daughter watches "Golden Girls."

Did you know the Screen Actors Guild has a diversity-in-casting incentive where a female character counts as "diverse"?
Females over 35, I'd reckon.

No, any female roles.
Oh, wow. Well, of course. You hate to whine, "Aw, we're not getting any dates!" But you have to make your own way. That's why I wrote my own stuff. I never used to think about the guys and the girls when I was younger, but I see it a bit more now.

"I LOVE TV. FILMS KIND OF SIT THERE; THEY'RE NOT RIGHT. BUT WITH TV YOU GO, 'OK, THIS WEEK'S EPISODE WAS CRAP, LET'S DO ANOTHER ONE.'" FILMMAGIC

Moving forward

Have you thought about doing a new show like your others?
I mean, yeah, I've done that eclectic multicharacter thing. I'm getting older now, and you begin to think, God, what's funny? What can you say? It's tough. It's bleeding rough out there. [Adopts a news anchor voice] "Terrorism, cyber-terrorism threat, breaking news, blackened stool problems, are you allergic to this? Have you got a lawsuit? Did you take this drug in the last six months? You could die! Five things in your refrigerator that could you kill you!" It's like, good God, what can we laugh at? Don't say this, don't say that. But there's always something to laugh at.

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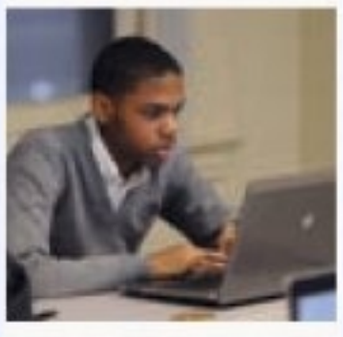

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Hitsville USA hits the road

Theater. 'Motown the Musical' tells the story behind the great American soundtrack.

Reed Shannon leads the Jackson 5 as Michael Jackson in the show. / ALL PHOTOS BY JOAN MARCUS

You never know when Motown magic will strike, but chances were good at the Detroit debut of "Motown the Musical"'s national tour in October.

"The end of our show, we do a thing were we say 'Stevie' — meaning the character — 'Stevie, take them home,' and his song is 'I Wish,'" says Darryl Archibald, musical director and conductor of the national touring production of "Motown." "But the real Stevie Wonder was on stage, so someone handed him the mic and he just started singing.

"The audience just went crazy. It was electrifying."

"Motown," now at the Academy of Music, tells the story of a boxer named Berry Gordy who went from the ring to a Detroit storefront recording studio and started the careers of Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, Marvin Gaye, Wonder and other Motown greats. Over 40 hits are featured in the show, which is also on Broadway through Jan. 18, and is up for four Tony awards. "Mr. Gordy wanted this music to appeal to everybody," says Archibald, a California native who was hired by Gordy himself.

"He took these people, I hate to say it, right off the street corners and he turned them into icons and these stars. They had dance and etiquette and voice lessons ... so they would not only appeal to the black audience, but they would also appeal to the white audience. He created these personas: You look at the Supremes — the glamour and the dresses and refinement.

Patrice Covington takes on the role of Martha Reeves.

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Revamp your home

Decorate.
Genevieve Gorder shows us the essentials for 2015.

Designer Genevieve Gorder, who works with Sanus, is a big proponent of TV mounts. "It gets televisions off their stands, which tip over so frequently and cause so many injuries," she says. "It's a really simple step to improve the entertainment center of your house." / MYRNA SUAREZ, SANUS

Genevieve Gorder hit the real estate jackpot. After a decade in her New York City apartment, The HGTV host, who had outgrown the space, found out the unit next door came on the market.

"It's the New York dream," exclaims Gorder, who bought the neighboring apartment and spent 18 months combining the two spaces to create the perfect home for her and daughter, Bebelle.

"The chapters of your life keep evolving and our home so rarely catches up to where we are," explains the interior designer. "It had been almost eight years since I renovated so it was time on many levels. I had had a child since I had renovated, I had a marriage, I had a divorce, I've had different jobs. I just wasn't the same woman that I was from when I first renovated."

For those of us who don't have a blank slate, but still want to freshen things up for 2015, Gorder offers these tips.

Attack your shelves

"This is the perfect time to do a big purge," stresses Gorder. "We tend to collect and the collections become weighty and they become almost an energy suck to a lot of spaces, from your bookshelves to your closet." Her suggestion: Attack your bookshelves. "This is where you house, basically, what I think is the trophy case of your life," says the expert. Once you've passed on some of those old books — Lonely Planet guides, we're looking at you — start reconfiguring your collection."Bring in new photography. Work with vertical and horizontal lines, so stack books on their ends and on their backs," says Gorder. This creates extra surfaces to add objects like a little vase or a picture frame. "You then create these little waves of pause and crazy within your bookshelf which keeps them interesting and keeps you moving across them," she says.

Add drama

While paint is obviously the most affordable and boldest change you can make, Gorder says in 2015, it's really about diving into different palettes. "Black and navy are going to be huge," says the designer, who painted her new living room black. "It's so dramatic. I love how everything pops off of black." Want to have more fun with your walls? Gorder recommends Tempaper for renters. "It's a temporary wallpaper. You can cover your foyer in an hour and all of a sudden you have a completely different space," she says. "It's a really fun way to make your house feel like you're not renting and bring in some distinct pattern, especially in those transitional spaces like hallways, stairways and bathrooms."

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"Black and navy are going to be huge," says the designer, who painted her new living room black, as seen in HGTV magazine's October issue.

Create a smart home

"A huge part of my job is helping people step into the idea of a smart home, which is, shockingly enough, one of the most affordable ways to update your place," says Gorder. "It starts with bringing all your security onto your tablets or onto your phone. You have everything at fingers reach. All your lighting can be in one switch on your phone, as well." But before you get plugged-in, Gorder stresses taking the time to understand the new gadgets and reading the manuals. "I find we often hate doing that, so we have all these incredible features and not really know how to connect them or have them talk to each other," she says. "Once you invest that initial couple of hours your house starts working for you. And that's a beautiful thing when you can turn off your security alarm from another state. Or I can set my thermostat on my phone so the house is warm when I get home."

"BOOKSHELVES ARE ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SPACES IN OUR HOMES," SAYS GORDER, PHOTOGRAPHED HERE FOR HGTV MAGAZINE'S OCTOBER ISSUE.
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Must-have

Get cozy

"Throws are the underrated power player of any room," says Gorder. "They bring in color and texture and pattern. Her advice: It's all about layering these textiles. "Hang it off your couch, on your chair, on your bed — I have three of them on my bed. I also roll them up and put them in big vessels by the fireplace," says the expert. "They take up small amounts of space but add huge impact."

Improvement

Get started on 2015 redecorating at the Philadelphia Home Show

Mark your calendars for the Philadelphia Home Show, at the Convention Center January 17–19 and 23–25. Row after row of exhibitors will be displaying every imaginable product and service for every aspect of your home, whether you're planning a total remodel, looking for decorations or just want to keep up on trends.

Home experts from TV will make appearances on the main stage, including James Young from DIY's "I Hate My Kitchen" and Jeff Devlin from DIY's "I Hate My Bath" and HGTV's "Spice Up My Kitchen" (we're noticing a theme here.)

Brent Ridge and Josh Kilmer-Purcell, known as the Fabulous Beekman Boys from their Cooking Channel show and winners of "The Amazing Race," will be on hand to share horticulture tips. Professional organizer Janet Taylor, decorator Denise Sabia and DIY expert Beth Allen are also scheduled to appear.

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Eat healthier in the New Year

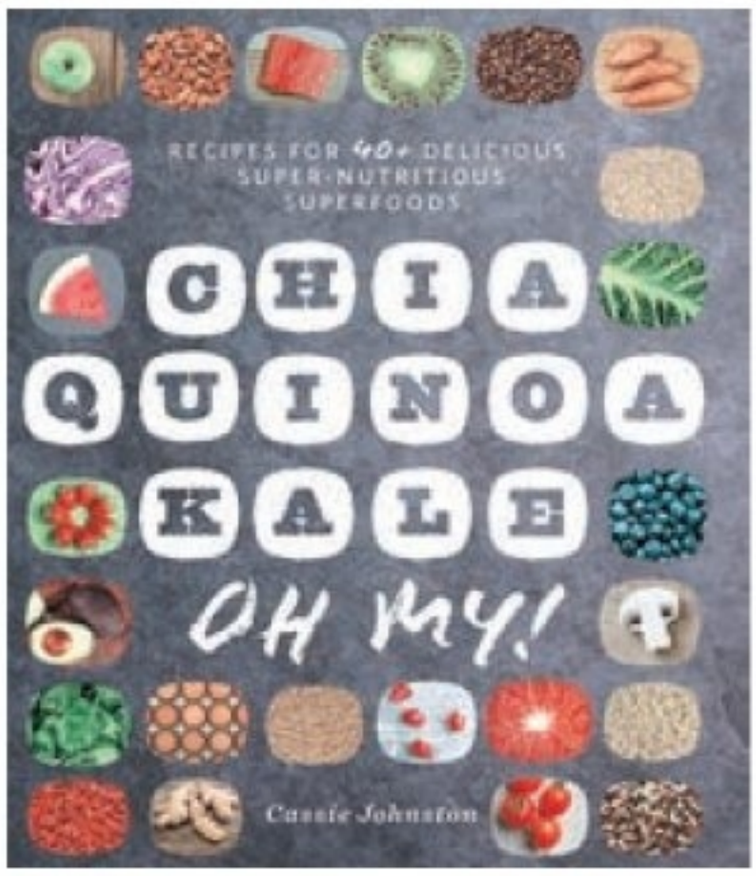
Superfoods. Try these tricks for keeping your resolution this year.

In 2015, you're swapping the pizza-three-times-a-week habit for a healthier lifestyle.

We check in with health food blogger, Cassie Johnston, who recently put out the nutrition-packed cookbook, "Chia, Quinoa, Kale, Oh My!" to find out which superfoods should make it in our diet in the new year.

"The idea of "superfoods" can feel really intimidating for someone just getting started with healthy eating — but they definitely don't have to be," assures Johnston. "Sure, there are more adventurous foods out there that provide lots of health — like chia seeds, quinoa, and goji berries — but you can just as easily get a lot of nutritional benefits from some tried-and-true superfoods."

Here are the three superfoods she says to start with now:



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Johnston

Throw some spinach in your smoothie or eggs. / PROVIDED

For breakfast

Oats

"These are a great option for breakfast food," says the expert. "They are packed with whole grain fiber that helps keep you full," Johnston says. Make sure to look for old-fashioned (or rolled) oats or the steel cut variety for the most fiber bang for your buck. "And when you doctor up your bowl, skip using lots of sugar-loaded add-ins, and instead try using naturally-sweet berries, some chopped nuts and a small drizzle of honey, another superfood," she says.

Spinach (both fresh and frozen)

"It's packed with a ton of nutrients that will help you feel strong and healthy," says Johnston. "It's mild-flavored, making spinach a great option for adding to smoothies, casseroles or frittatas."

Fruit

"If you're looking for easy snack ideas, you can't beat the original grab-and-go snack food — fruit! Almost all fruits are superfoods, and provide you with a great dose of nutrients and help starve off your sweet tooth," she says.

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Actual 2015 vs. 'Back to the Future II' 2015

We've finally hit 2015. So how does the technology predicted in the 1989 film measure up to today's reality? **NED EHRBAR**

Flying cars

This might be the biggest gripe people have today about technology. Way to continue that wave of disappointment, "Back to the Future II."

Food hydrators

Still not sure how this technology was supposed to rejuvenate and enlarge a hockey puck-sized pizza, but that's beside the point. The film also predicted Black & Decker would be the reigning kitchen gadget company of the future. Boy, were they wrong.

Michael J. Fox brandishes a hoverboard, which does not, alas, yet exist. / ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

Hoverboards

It looked like we almost had this last year, but it turned out to be a Funny or Die hoax that Tony Hawk was in on. He's back again saying he's tried one, but we're finding it hard to trust again. Besides, if Segways never took off, what hope do hoverboards have?

Double neckties

Despite all our other fashion missteps, these never became a thing. The less said about this idea, the better.

Thankfully double neckties never caught on, so there's that.

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4 Questions to make better resolutions

New year. There's no one-size-fits-all goal, so make one that's meaningful.

Though every day is a chance to do something different, the beginning of a new year can give us the necessary momentum to make major changes.

But if you want to succeed, it's not enough to pick an arbitrary goal, however well-intentioned it may be. And with all the other stresses hanging around from the holidays — conflict with family members, overspending on gifts or not being able to go home to celebrate — you may not even be in the right mindset to take on the additional work of creating new routines.

Marriage and family therapist Terry Barnett-Martin tackles the importance of boundaries to healthy relationships in her recent book, "Tending Fences." She says the idea of having an entire year to make a change can be a tempting reason to set a goal. But by picking one that is not achievable, or not relevant to what really needs to change in your life, you could be sabotaging your chance to make a meaningful difference.

"Reaching for your purpose is a bit more of an ambiguous road, but so worth the effort," she says.

To make a purposeful resolution, Barnett-Martin suggests asking yourself these four questions.

1 What was my proudest accomplishment last year?

This doesn't have to be a victory at work or a new personal best on the track — think about a relationship you strengthened or a challenge that you overcame, even something new you tried and learned something from. Whatever the answer, it should serve as an insight into what matters most to you.

2 What worked well that I'd like to build on?

Or, conversely, what didn't work and how would you change it? "Life is really a long series of experiments in which what works and what doesn't work is all good information," says Barnett-Martin. If you tried something new — a diet, a skill, a job, a relationship – and it didn't work, don't think of it as a failure, but as an experiment that can guide your next step.

3 What do I want to contribute to?

Look at each area of your life — job, home, social circles, volunteer work, etc. — and see yourself as the person you want to be in each role. This question "will give you your own personal roadmap for the new year," says Barnett-Martin. Maybe you want to be less angry, launch a new project or unclutter your life — start by having a clear first step and end goal.

When choosing a resolution, look back at the past year, then visualize where you want to be. / MOODBOARD RF

No. 4

Where, when and doing what did I feel the best?

"There is nothing more gratifying than feeling like you are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing," Barnett-Martin notes. "Conversely, when the same gifts are utilized in a situation where they are not valued, they can fall flat." If your efforts have not been appreciated, don't think of your skills as inadequate or unnecessary. Context has everything to do with letting you shine. Maybe you need to find another way to contribute, or a new place where your efforts are noticed.

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♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Don't upset friends or family by neglecting to nurture important relationships. Take time out of your busy schedule to listen.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. A professional partnership will bring financial rewards. If you spend time with people who share your interests, it will spark your imagination.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Keep your eyes and ears alert for new opportunities. Being well informed will give you an advantage against competition.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You will gain experience if you try something different. Social activities will result in an opportunity. Consider home improvements.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Rethink your strategy and search for important facts. False information will lead to mishaps. Keep your emotions under control.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Your fiery nature will help to set the stage for fun and excitement. Time spent with someone you love will bring you closer together. Enjoy interacting with others.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Self-discipline is required in order to succeed. Help will be given if you ask for it. A colleague will be interested in one of your ideas.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. A partnership will turn out better than you anticipated. Your compassion and insight will help someone who faces trouble.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Business negotiations will not turn in your favor if you divulge secret information. Ensure that parity is paramount, or you will end up doing most of the work.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Minor changes will make you more marketable. Your unique outlook will impress all the right people, leading to an appealing offer.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. You will have problems convincing others to join your quest. Collaborate with people who understand your motives.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Temptation will be your downfall. Overspending will cause additional stress. It is your personality and wit that will make the best impression. EUGENIA LAST

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Letters to the editor

Republican views aren't simple enough to put in four words

Re: 'Republicans contradict themselves' (Metro, Jan. 6) Kalan Silver claims that Republicans tell him "we must blindly trust big government" and "unions make for bad workers." This is really Kalan Silver saying this is what Republicans say. A Republican straw man was created to argue with yesterday. As a Republican for many years, I've heard them say many dumb things but blindly trusting big government is something even a Democrat would not say, so cut the crap. I'd like to answer that "sincere" question (sorry if its not as simple as you pretend it is): The Constitution of the United States empowers the government to provide for the national defense, so yes, Republicans do trust the government to keep us safe and follow the Constitution. There is no monopoly because the government operates via the taxpayers. Big business operates via profit. The GOP advocates for businesses deciding whether or not they want unions, not the government. Union leaders use members' dues to fill Democrat candidates campaign funds so yes, Republicans generally do not support unions but not because of the members, as you pretend. And law enforcement unions are government unions so advocating for a stop to union leaders bargaining with elected officials they supported for taxpayer money is the issue, not whether or not the police are considered "big government." No, it is not simply about "blinding trusting big government." Leave it to a Democrat to oversimplify complex issues into a four word slogan.
KEVIN METZ, VIA EMAIL

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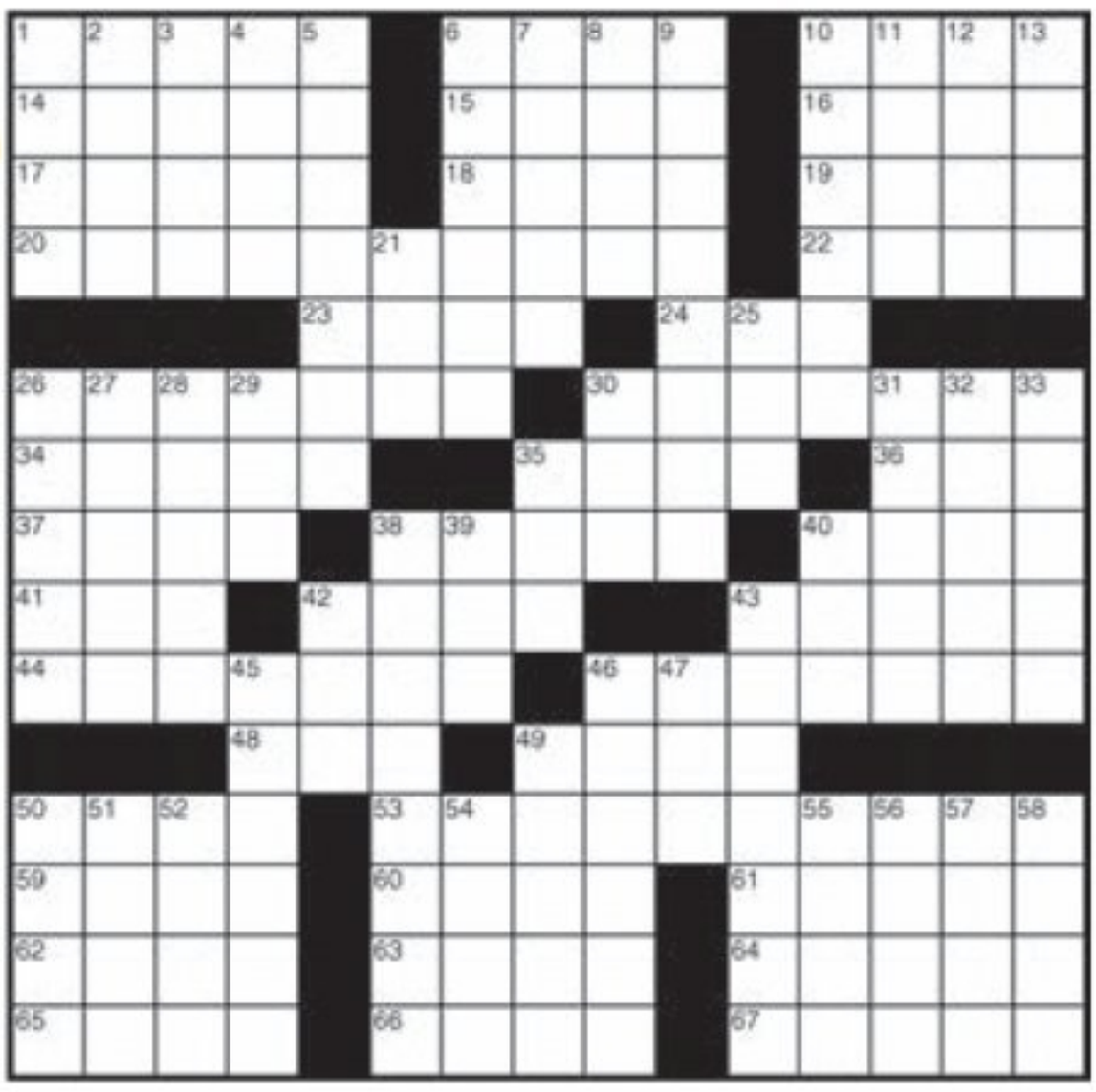
Yesterday's answer



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See ya next year

SCHILLING SHOULD HAVE A BETTER SHOT IN 2016.
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Here's a look at some notable baseball stars who fell short of the requited 75 percent to get inducted.

- Mike Piazza, 69.9%
- Jeff Bagwell, 55.7%
- Tim Rains, 55.0%
- Curt Schilling 39.2%
- Roger Clemens, 37.5%
- Barry Bonds, 36.8%
- Lee Smith, 30.2%
- Edgar Martinez, 27.0%
- Alan Trammell, 25.1%
- Mike Mussina, 24.6%
- Jeff Kent, 14.0%

Quartet make Hall, Schilling snubbed

MLB. Craig Biggio and three pitchers comprise the 2015 Hall of Fame class.

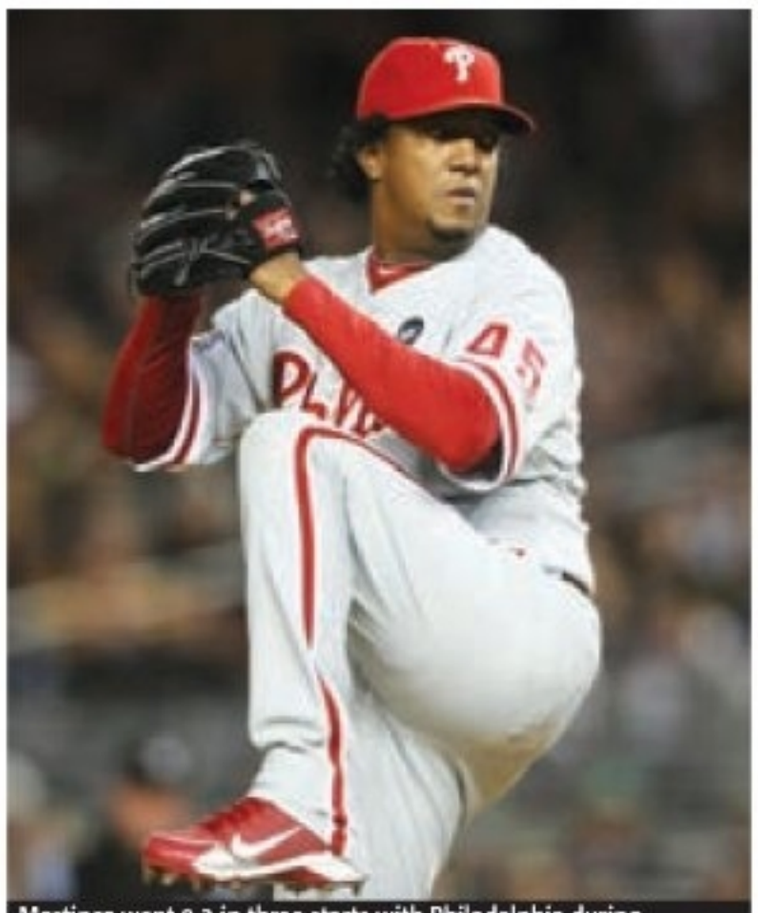
Three hurlers received the 75 percent necessary to reach Cooperstown in their first year of eligibility Tuesday afternoon, as Pedro Martinez, Randy Johnson and John Smoltz joined Craig Biggio in a historic 2015 Hall of Fame class.

Martinez, who went 5-1 during nine regular season starts for the 2009 Phillies, earned 91.1 percent of votes. However another one-time Phillies starter, Curt Schilling, did not eclipse 40 percent.

Johnson earned 97.3 percent on the ballot, the eighth-highest total. Also Johnson, at 6-foot-10, is the tallest Hall of Famer by five inches.

Smoltz earned just over 82 percent and joins former Braves staff-mates Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux (who were voted in last year).

Biggio, who compiled over 3,000 hits in his career, broke through in his third year of eligibility garnering 42 more votes than were required.



Martinez went 0-2 in three starts with Philadelphia during the 2009 postseason against the Dodgers and Yankees. / GETTY IMAGES

Four more

1955

The 2015 Hall of Fame class of four players is the biggest class in 60 years. Back in 1955, Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Ted Lyons and Dazzy Vance entered the Hall.

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3 SPORTS

Governor Cowboy

Jones wants Christie at Lambeau

The Cowboys, apparently, are undefeated in games attended by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie — a trend that started in Week 16 in Philly. "He's part of our mojo," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones told a Dallas radio station Tuesday. "I want him there all the way."

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76ers' first win at home feels like playoff victory

NBA. The Sixers say it doesn't matter that the Cavaliers were playing without LeBron James, Kyrie Irving and others.

After their win Monday, the Sixers no longer have the NBA's worst record. / GETTY IMAGES

Even without LeBron James, Kyrie Irving and Anderson Varejao, the depleted Cleveland Cavaliers built a 17-point lead in the second half.

The 76ers seemed destined for a 15th straight home loss to open the season.

In this bizarre season that has featured 11 undrafted players on the 76ers' roster, the youngest team in NBA history found a way to rally for a stunning 95-92 victory.

Philadelphia improved to 5-28 and avoided inching closer to a dubious mark set by the 1993-94 Dallas Mavericks with 19 consecutive home losses to start a season.

When the final buzzer sounded, the fans erupted as if the Sixers had won a playoff game.

In a way, they did.

It was the first home win for the Sixers since April 14 of last season.

"It means a lot," said guard Michael Carter-Williams. "We came back in the fourth and we did all of the things we needed to do at the end of the game."

The outcome likely would have been different if the Cavaliers were at full strength.

But the Sixers won't apologize for anything.

"Kevin Love is a gold medalist, an Olympian and an All-Star and Mike Miller's résumé would equal all of our guys' experience, I think those things," Sixers coach Brett Brown said. "We're not apologizing for this win at all. I think it's unfair. Have a look at my group. They don't know what they don't know."

Guard Tony Wroten played a stellar second half, finished with 20 points and connected on the go-ahead driving layup with 9.1 seconds remaining.

He wanted the ball and delivered the first home win.

"It's how I grew up," Wroten said. "I don't leave with nothing. I leave it all on the court. It would kill me to be at home and wondering about what I could have done. I just tried to do anything to help us win."

That mentality is exactly what Brown is searching for.

"Tony has that ready, fire, aim mentality rather than being cautious," Brown said. "There are times when you wish he was 27 and was making simple passes instead of rifling passes off people's hands at warp speed, but he wears his heart on his sleeve. He has a motor and he so desperately wants to be on the court."

Quoted

"It's our first home win. We're really excited. We really put the pieces together at the end of the game."

Michael Carter-Williams

Wins will most likely be scarce for the rest of the season. So finally getting that first home victory was huge.

For the first time, the home locker room was a jovial environment.

"To be able to have our guys do that in front of our home crowd and what we're going through, we can't be more grateful for their support and patience," Brown said. "It needs to be rewarded and the win makes us feel like we gave something back."

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NBA power rankings | by James Toscano

No. 1

Hawks (26-8)

The Hawks are kicking butt and taking names, and it isn't just teams in the East. They are now an impressive 9-2 against Western Conference teams, including most recently big wins in Portland and in L.A. over the Clippers.

No. 2

Warriors (27-5)

Their last three wins have been by 26 (OKC), 21 (Toronto), and 40 (Philly). And did you see Steph Curry's moves against the Thunder? The ball is his puppet.

No. 3

Blazers (27-8)

Ten wins in their last 12 games, but a 115-107 loss to the Hawks a few days ago puts them in their rightful spot. They're also undermanned at center.

No. 4

Grizzlies (25-9)

After a four-game losing streak, it looks like the Grizzlies have righted the ship, going 4-1 over their last five. Big test for them Wednesday in Atlanta.

No. 5

Mavericks (26-10)

The team with the longest winning streak in the NBA right now is the Mavs at six games. It should be no surprise, as Rajon Rondo has contributed immediately.

No. 6

Bulls (25-10)

The Bulls have won 10 of their last 11 games and Jimmy Butler is emerging as an MVP candidate. And don't forget about Pau Gasol who's averaging 18.0 points and 11.2 rebounds.

No. 7

Rockets (23-11)

James Harden earned Western Conference Player of the Month, averaging 30.6 points, 7.1 assists, 6.0 rebounds and 1.9 steals per game.

No. 8

Raptors (24-10)

After a 2-6 road trip, the Raptors are glad to be north of the border. And taking a look at their home schedule, they should be even happier.

No. 9

Wizards (23-11)

Washington snapped a three-game losing streak just in time to prepare for two huge Eastern Conference games against the Hawks and Bulls.

No. 10

Clippers (23-12)

The Clippers had exactly one good win (vs. Golden State on Christmas Day) since Dec. 8 when they beat the Phoenix Suns. Since then, they're 8-7.

No. 11

Spurs (21-14)

Are the Spurs really, actually, finally slipping? The record seems to indicate so. Father Time waits for no one — though he's taken his time with this bunch.

No. 12

Suns (20-16)

The Suns would be considered one of the top teams in the East, but because they're in the West, there's a chance they miss the playoffs this season.

No. 13

Thunder (17-18)

Kevin Durant returned with two big performances — and two big wins — over the Suns and Wizards, but OKC just got smoked in Golden State.

No. 14

Cavaliers (19-16)

The Cavaliers are in a tailspin right now — LeBron James is out and they just lost to the Philadelphia 76ers. The only way this could get worse is if Johnny Manziel shows up.

No. 15

Bucks (18-17)

The Bucks have been a fun team to watch this season, despite rookie Jabari Parker going down with an ACL and news that Larry Sanders wants out.

No. 16

Heat (15-20)

Dangerous west coast road trip on tap for a Heat team that has lost four its last five games. They're having trouble putting points on the board.

No. 17

Pelicans (17-17)

Are the Pelicans going to be on the outside looking in again? It appears so, as the surging Thunder are going to pass them and make it even harder for them to sneak in.

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Big 5 hoops

JAYLEN BOND AND THE OWLS ARE RED-HOT RIGHT NOW.
TEMPLE ATHLETICS

Wednesday evening will see several city college basketball teams in action battling against conference foes.

- **Temple at Tulane:** The streaking Owls (11-4) look to win their sixth straight against the high-powered Green Wave offense (70.3 ppg) on ESPNNews at 7 p.m. Transfer sensations Jaylen Bond and Jesse Morgan look to continue to fuel a Temple squad that is starting to receive AP Top 25 votes.
- **Massachusetts at La Salle:** The Explorers (8-6) look to keep up their solid play at Tom Gola arena Wednesday, a 7 p.m. start, against conference rivals UMass (7-7). La Salle is led by 17.5 points per game from Jordan Price.
- **St. Joseph's at Duquesne:** St. Joes (6-6) and Duquesne (5-7) are each looking for their first A-10 wins as Wednesday's 7 p.m. matchup approaches. The Hawks are led by Deandre Bembry in points, rebounds assists and steals.

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